

# SAVE ST. ALBANS TOWNSHIP

*Vote NO on MERGER*

## BUST THE MERGER MYTHS

### MERGER MYTH 1

Your land can be annexed easily if we remain a township.

**FALSE**

THE TRUTH: No one can “annex your land without your approval” and the merger does not protect ANY property in St. Albans Township from being annexed. Because St. Albans Township does not have water/sewer lines provided by Alexandria (and still won’t without spending tens of millions of dollars) properties can “detach” from the newly formed community even if a merger occurs.

### MERGER MYTH 2

We’ll be able to afford all the services we currently receive.

**FALSE**

THE TRUTH: St. Albans residents will be paying more and receiving less. This is an undeniable fact as ALL St. Albans Township residents will immediately see a 1% income tax increase. If the merger passes, the new community will lose services from the county for county road paving and road and bridge maintenance, sheriff patrols, and legal fees. A full-time administrator will be needed, and more legal fees will be accrued.

### MERGER MYTH 3

Police and Law Enforcement coverage won’t be affected.

**FALSE**

THE TRUTH: The village of Alexandria only has a couple of part-time officers and 4 or 5 high mileage vehicles that will need replaced with new models which would require additional revenue (higher taxes)

### MERGER MYTH 4

Gun rights and Hunting will not be affected.

**FALSE**

THE TRUTH: Townships have no ability to regulate hunting or the use of firearms on your property. However, villages can regulate hunting & firearm use. The merger commission stated they “wrote in protections” but those are only recommendations and can be changed at any time.

### MERGER MYTH 5

The new village would control water and sewer down the road.

**FALSE**

THE TRUTH: The Village of Alexandria’s wastewater treatment facility is outdated and will need major equipment upgrades soon. The sewer system barely brings in enough money to run it but not enough to upgrade it or even enough for upcoming repairs.

### MERGER MYTH 6






The Merger will put US in control.

**FALSE**

THE TRUTH: The township has a healthy fiscal forecast, the village doesn’t, and if the merger passes the new community would be financially underwater day 1. That would force the new community to accept new unwanted development. Fiscal strength is control. Fiscal weakness causes communities to approve unwanted development.

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*Get the Facts & Vote NO on MERGER*

-  *Voting for the merger is voting for a 1% tax increase on all St. Albans Township Residents.*
-  *Township residents will pay more and get less if the merger passes.*
-  *Even more tax increases will be needed if the merger passes.*
-  *Our community will lose services from the county if the merger passes.*
-  *Our community will be in a WORSE position to fight unwanted development if the merger passes.*

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